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PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Ryuichi AOKI

Group Art Unit: 2134

Application No.: 09/415,461

Examiner: P. Callahan

Filed: October 14, 1999

Docket No.: 104526

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DEPOSITING ENCRYPTION KEYS

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION
UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

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Sir:

In reply to the March 24, 2004 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-3 and 5-29 are pending in this application. Applicant appreciates the Office Action's indication that claims 9-11, 14, 20-22 and 27-29 contain allowable subject matter.

Applicant thanks Examiner Callahan for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative, Mr. Luo, during the May 14, 2004 personal interview. The substance of the personal interview is incorporated in the following remarks.

I. The Claims Satisfy All Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 12, 13 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

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